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FOLL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM BEIRUT 15 APR 73 REPEATED TO
YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4400

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FOR SISCO FROM BUFFUM

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN TEHRAN CONFERENCE

1. AS OF NOW, I AM SCHEDULED DEPART BEIRUT EVENING APRIL 20
(WITH POPPER) FOR TEHRAN. HOWEVER, BELIEVE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
HERE REQUIRE REASSESSMENT RELATIVE MERITS MY PRESENCE HERE AS
APPOSED TO TEHRAN APRIL 21-24.

2. THIS CONNECTION, NOTE: (A) I HOPE DEPART HERE ON HOME LEAVE
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ABOUT APRIL 26 AND WOULD HAVE INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS OF CONFERENCE WHILE IN DEPT. (B) AGENDA FOR MEETING DOES NOT CALL FOR ANY PRESENTATION BY EMBASSY BEIRUT. (C) SITUATION HERE LIKELY REMAIN FLUID FOR NEXT WEEK OR SO; WHILE I BELIEVE DANGER OF MOB ACTION AGAINST EMBASSY HAS PASSED PEAK, THIS PERIOD OF HIGH EMOTIONS LIKELY POSE PARTICULARLY SERIOUS THREAT OF FEDAYEEN REPRISALS AGAINST EMBASSY AND/OR ME PERSONALLY (CURRENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS CONFIRM THIS).

3. UNDER FOREGOING CIRCUMSTANCES PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU PREFER I PROCEED TEHRAN OR SEND DCM.

4. REGARDLESS OF DECISION ON MY ATTENDANCE AT TEHRAN, WHETHER I SUBSEQUENTLY DEPART ON HOME LEAVE AS SCHEDULED WILL NATURALLY DEPEND ON THEN PREVAILING SITUATION. NEEDLESS TO SAY I WOULD NOT TAKE OFF IN FACE EXCEPTIONAL THREAT TO INTEGRITY OF MISSION. AT SAME TIME BELIEVE WE MUST NOW ACCEPT, AND LIVE WITH LONG- TERM SITUATION, WHERE U. S. INTERESTS IN LEBANON WILL FACE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED RISK OF TERRORIST ACTIONS AS COMPARED WITH PERIOD PRIOR TO ISRAELI RAID ON BEIRUT.
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